

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Medicines improve quality of life and provide life-sustaining benefits, and

household and industrial chemicals help perform difficult tasks quickly and

efficiently; and

WHEREAS: These beneficial products and substances, when not used as directed or

intended, may be hazardous to adults and especially children, who, from infancy

to five years of age are the most frequent victims of poisoning; and

WHEREAS: The lives of thousands of Minnesotans are threatened each year by accidental

exposure to poisonous substances; and

WHEREAS: State government agencies, along with local and federal counterparts, work to

inform our communities about the potential hazards of these substances; and

WHEREAS: Health professionals, educators, and the public need access to resources in order

to learn and teach others about the dangers of poisonous substances and to

prevent such poisonings from occurring; and

WHEREAS: Poison control and poison prevention services help avoid unnecessary health

care costs for residents and healthcare systems throughout Minnesota; and

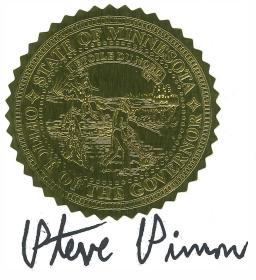
WHEREAS: National Poison Prevention Week is endorsed by the Minnesota Poison Control

System and the Minnesota Department of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 19-25, 2017, as:

## POISON PREVENTION WEEK

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March.

JAJO GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE